

Cartways That Became Streets

Cove St. was once a cartway through pasture land used to reach the town landing at the bend of the Duck Hill or Cove River. On the shore of Cove River the hay which grew on the salt meadow tracts north of the river was landed from scows at that bend and then carted to its owners. Cove St. became a public highway in 1833.

More than a century ago two plots of land east of it were owned by Asa Chandler and Sylvanus Drew. The Chandler, or south lot, fronted on what is now Powder Point Ave. The Drew lot ran north to the bank of the river. The Chandler house was later owned by Jephthah Delano, a shoemaker and tender of the tide grist mill situated near the south end of the bridge over Blue Fish River. South of the mill was a water wheel and the blacksmith shop of Zenas Faunce. The tide water from the same pond drove both the trip hammers and grist mill wheels.

Deacon George Loring and Samuel Frazer built vessels west of the bridge. The draw, when open, stood upright, leaving an unobstructed passage. Edward Winslow owned the grist mill. By 1822 both the mill and the bridge had disappeared and the present road with culvert took its place. The bridge had stood there for 74 years.

What is now Powder Point Ave. was until about 1840 a private cartway with two gates across it.

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